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Mattapoisett as we have found has a fascinating history of which we all can be proud. In looking back it seems incredible that so much activity took place along our quiet and beautiful harbor.

In the 15 years, after the war of 1812, incomplete records show one hundred vessels launched from these shipyards. Many of these were smaller craft; for of the whaling ships for Nantucket and New Bedford, only a dozen are known. These few, however,

almost without exception, attest to the superb craftsmanship of their builders. Their average span of life was almost half a century, and some of them sailed the seven seas for over 60 years. For a wooden sailing vessel to round the Horn and battle its gales 30 or 40 times, to sail the length of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for more than 50 years, to swelter in the tropic South Seas and be pounded by ice in the Arctic - that is a test.

Two or three of these vessels had noteworthy careers. The Cicero, built in 1823 by Barstow and Holmes, sailed 55 years from New Bedford for Kollock and Grinnell, Lemuel Kollock, Loum Snow & Son, and J. P. Knowles 2nd. She was known as a fast sailor, and was said to have outdistanced

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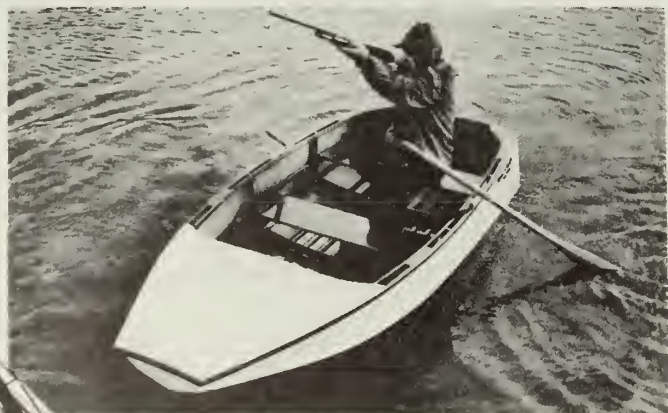
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many Baltimore clippers, which, if true, was quite a feat for a vessel built at the time when whalers were supposed to have been built by the mile and sawed off by the yard.

Another fast sailer was the Alexander Barclay, built by Benjamin Barstow in 1826 for John A. Parker, Esq. and Captain Joseph Dunbar of New Bedford and used by them in the iron trade with Bremen and Gottenburg. When she first arrived in Sweden, a Gottenburg newspaper called her "the most handsome and complete merchant-vessel which has ever been seen in that river." And in September 1828, the New Bedford Mercury had this to say:

"Despatch - The ship Alexander Barclay, Joseph Dunbar, Master, left this port on the 14th May and arrived in Baltimore in 4 days passage, where her ballast was discharged, and the bulk of 800 hhds of Tobacco taken on board. She left the Capes of Virginia on the 12th of June, arrived at Bremen in 27 days passage, discharged and sold part of her cargo, took on board 200 tons of ballast, arrived in Gottenburg in 50 hours, discharged her ballast and took on board 600 tons of iron, and left on the 25th August. She arrived here in 31 days passage, having performed the voyage in 4 months and 13 days."

But I suppose the best known New Bedford whaler built in Mattapoisett during this period was the Young Phoenix, built in 1822 by Barstow and Holmes. In a private New Bedford newspaper of the period we read this rather prejudiced account:

"September 28, 1822; Arrived, Mr. John A. Parker's new ship from Mattapoisett; she has been for some time on her way, being unfortunate, we understand, that her name is the Young Phoenix and Captain Joseph Dunbar is going master of her."

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ARRIVED HERE FOR SUMMER

Mr. John F. MacDonald, who has been spending the winter with his son in West Hartford, Conn., is now at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. N. Franklin Harriman, Jr., Acushnet Rd. for the summer. He will celebrate his 85th birthday on May 14th.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE MAHONEY FAMILY

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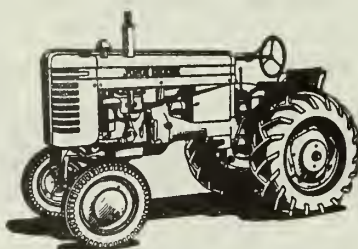
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The Young Phoenix sailed for four years between New Bedford and Sweden in the iron trade for John A. Parker, and then he handled her as a whaler for 30 years. In 1857 she was sold to William Phillips & Son, and it was while sailing for that firm that she made the famous rescue of the 42 survivors of the wreck of the Scottish Bark Strathmore on one of the Crozet Islands in the Indian Ocean. This was her last voyage, for in 1879 she was abandoned in the Arctic ice pack. Yet the old ship would not give up. Instead of going to pieces, she remained nearly intact, and was reportedly carried about by the ice for a year or two, a silent and deserted "ghost ship" to mystify observers.

From 1830 to 1840 over fifty whaleships were launched from the Mattapoisett yards. To Nantucket went most of these, although not a few sailed under flags of New Bedford firms; and of course many Nantucket whalers ultimately were sold to New Bedford.

A Nantucket anecdote shows in what high regard these vessels were held. Some 30 years ago a Mattapoisett man was visiting in Nantucket, and without letting on where

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Mr. G. C. Teixeira of Pope Beach, Fairhaven, father of Lester Teixeira of County Rd., passed away on Monday morning very suddenly. His death comes as a blow, as it followed in such a short time the passing of Lester's mother. We know everyone expresses with us our sincere sympathy.

WELCOME TO MATTAPOISETT

Welcome to Mattapoisett to Reverend Damien J. Veary, assistant pastor of the parish of St. Anthony Church here.

Father Veary has completed a three year tour of duty as a naval chaplain, which he considers a valuable experience. While in the service his entire tour was spent

In our welcome to Father Veary, we hope that his stay here will be most pleasant, and invite him to use the Presto to any degree it will be helpful in his work.

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Susan E. Luiz, 8 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Luiz of Oakland St., has been ill at home with a cold for a week.

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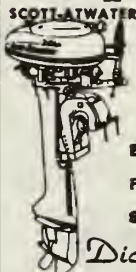
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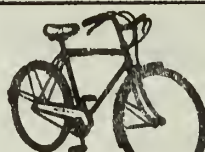
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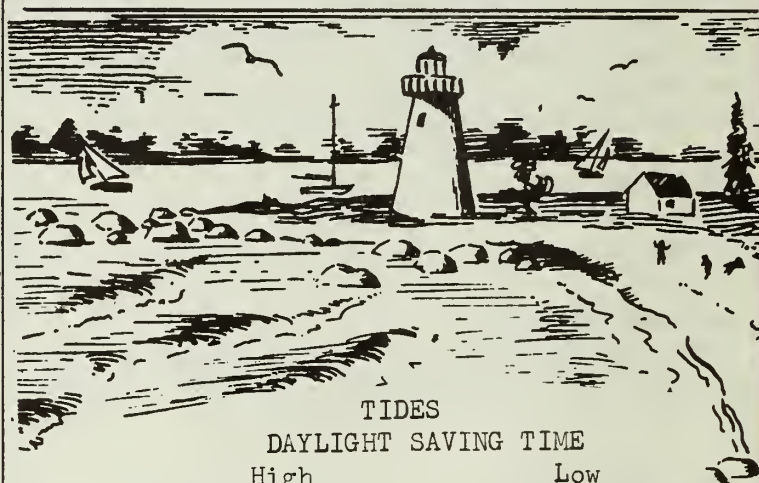
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16	7:37	7:47	1:30	1:38
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RENOVATING HOME

The Smith's, who have bought the Robert Lowe house on Tobey Lane, are renovating it and plan to move in soon.

STAYING AT WILLOWS

Mrs. Smythe, Mother of Mr. Milton Smythe, Main St., will stay the month of June at the Willows on Pearl St. It is possible that she may like us well enough to make Mattapoisett her permanent home.

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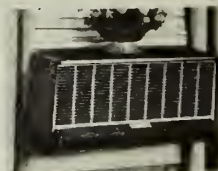
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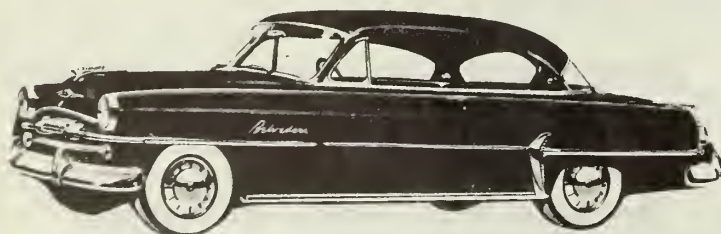
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The engagement of Miss Barbara Hargreaves to Mr. Donald Bernard has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Mildred Hargreaves of North St. Mr. Bernard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Bernard of 54 Holly St., New Bedford. An October wedding is planned.

RETURNED HOME

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimental have returned to their home on Acushnet Rd. after visiting their daughter, son-in-law and new grandchild in France.

Congregational Church

Sunday Services

Worship 10:45 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 6:30 P. M.
Sunday School
Primary & Senior 9:30 A. M.
Nursery 10:45 A. M.

Catholic Church

SUNDAY MASSES 6.30 - 8 - 10 - 11 A. M.

VISITED PARENTS

Mr. Gordon Bradley spent two nights at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Bradley, Cathaway Lane. While here, he attended the New Bedford Textile Institute on business. Mr. Bradley makes his home with his wife and children in Levittown, Long Island, N. Y.

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DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS PLAY

"The Late Christopher Bean", a three-act comedy by Sidney Howard, was presented by the drama group of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday and Friday nights at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

The performance, with its well paced comedy lines and clever acting, was enjoyed by a large audience. Credit should be given to William J. Spark, Jr. who did an admirable job of directing.

The plot concerned the forgotten paintings by the late Christopher Bean, left in the attic of the home of Dr. Milton Haggett in a small town not far from Boston. As the plot thickened, we discovered that the paintings were now worth a fortune, and we saw how this affected each of the characters and how each one tried to get their hands on the paintings.

Abby, the leading role, was the maid in the Dr's. home. This part was played by Mrs. Clara Morgan. She had befriended the late Chris Bean, and treasured his paintings one of which was a portrait of herself, which she had hung over her bed.

Dr. Haggett, played by Samuel Moffat, at the start was just a small country doctor, but soon became as greedy as his

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1 & 2, 1954

Article 37. Voted that the following be added to the Town By-Laws:-

- 1) Disapproved by the Attorney General.
- 2) The Water Commissioners shall insure that all extensions of Water Mains on private property are installed in accordance with accepted standards prescribed by them, and that the entire expense of any such extensions on private property shall be borne by the owner.
This By-Law to become effective January 1, 1955 Yes 124, No 6.
- 3) No person shall remove nor cause to be removed any soil, loam, sand or gravel for commercial purpose from any land in the town not in public use, unless such removal is authorized by a permit issued by the Selectmen except in conjunction with and for the purpose of, the construction of a building on the parcel and except for the continued operation on the same parcel of any existing sand or gravel or clay pit. No such permit shall be issued until an application therefor is filed with said Board. Said Board shall hold a public hearing on the application and notice of the filing of such an application and the date and time of the public hearing thereon shall be advertised in the (New Bedford Standard-Times) newspaper seven days at least before the public hearing.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this By-Law shall, for the first offense, pay a fine of \$50.00; for the second offense, \$100.00; and for each subsequent offense, \$200.00. Yes 142, No 0

Attested,

Joseph H. Magilton
TOWN CLERK

Boston, Mass., April 23, 1954

The foregoing by-laws are hereby approved with the exception of paragraph 1) which is hereby disapproved.

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wife, played by Mrs. Lenora DeCoffe and his eldest daughter, who was looking for a rich husband, played by Miss Anita Cornell.

Another daughter, Susan, played by Gail Smythe, was in love with a young artist, Warren Creamer, played by Norman Roylance. She planned to elope with Warren, as her parents did not approve of him until an art critic, Davenport, played by William P. Susan, Jr., said that his paintings showed possibilities.

An up and coming young actor, Richard Tirrell, played the part of Tallant, an art swindler and forger, who made off with two of Chris Bean's paintings before the Haggett's discovered their worth.

Ernest Gordon played the part of Rosen, an art dealer, who discovered along with the others, when he tried to purchase the paintings from the Haggett's that Abby was the widow of Chris. Therefore, she being his only living relative, was the true owner of the paintings. The Haggett's, with a great deal of reluctance, placed the paintings in Abby's hands as the curtain fell.

The portrait of Abby was painted by Harry Yerkes assisted by the students at the Swain School of Design who very kindly loaned the paintings used in the play.

Members of the Mattapoisett Girl's Club served as ushers and sold candy at both performances. They were Faith Alden, Patricia Carmichael, Eleanor Faria, Roberta Hawkins,

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The following committees aided Mrs. Robert A. Bailey, chairman, in the production of the play.

Prompters, Mrs. Wilfred Moss and Mrs. Fred Bieringer; properties, Mrs. Richard A. Toomey and Mrs. Tom Larsen; stage manager, Mr. Bailey assisted by Mr. Fred Bieringer and Mr. Yerkes; lighting and sound effects, Mr. Harold Banks; makeup, Miss Emily Perry; programs, Mrs. Anthony J. Pelson, Mrs. Chester Heuberger, Mrs. C. W. Tylee and Mrs. Robert E. Cullen; tickets, Mrs. Thomas Renahan and Miss Josephine Perry assisted by Mrs. Anthony DeCosta, Mrs. Samuel Bertram, Miss Elizabeth Cushman, Mrs. Robert M. Flanders, Jr., Mrs. William J. Spark, Jr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Tuttle; candy, Mrs. Millard Titcomb, Mrs. George E. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Milton Smythe; publicity, Mrs. Arthur F. Baker and Mrs. Samuel Moffat; and play selection, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Howard H. Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Spark.

SUCCESSFUL SQUARE DANCE FOR SKID

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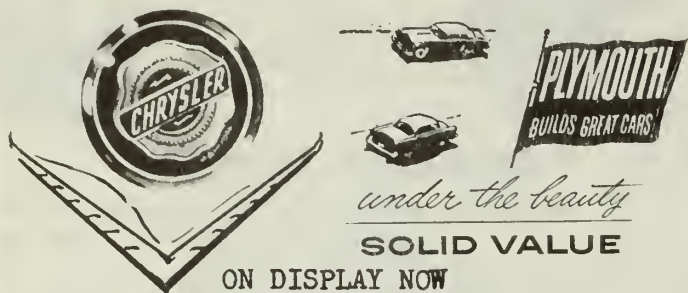
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